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**SIX SAN ANTONIO AREA RESIDENTS ARRESTED AND CHARGED
IN FAKE CREDIT CARD SCAM**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that six individuals have been arrested and charged by indictment with their roles in a fraudulent credit card scam.

At her initial appearance this morning before United States Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy, the sixth-defendant, 27-year-old Sherry Lynn Davis of Pleasonton, Texas, was formally apprised of the federal charges she faces namely, two counts of access device fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Davis faces between 2 and 22 years in federal prison.

Others arrested during this investigation include:

- Nathan Roddy, age 25, of Converse, Texas. Roddy is charged with one count each of access device fraud, possession of fifteen or more counterfeit access devices, possession of access device making equipment and aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Roddy faces between 2 and 37 years in federal prison;
- Mary Erlinda Smith, age 20, of Live Oak, Texas. Smith is charged with one count each of possession of fifteen or more counterfeit access devices, possession of access device making equipment and aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Smith faces between 2 and 27 years in federal prison;
- Clinton Kingston, III, age 35, of San Antonio. Kingston is charged with two counts of access device fraud and one count each of possession of access device making equipment and aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Kingston faces between 2 and 37 years in federal prison;
- Richard Jason Bailey, age 23, of San Antonio. Bailey is charged with one count each of access device fraud and aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Bailey faces between 2 and 12 years in federal prison; and,
- Samuel Dyer, age 26, of San Antonio. Dyer is charged with one count each of access device fraud possession of fifteen or more counterfeit access devices, possession of access device making equipment and aggravated identity theft. Upon conviction of all charges, Dyer faces between 2 and 37 years in federal prison.

Authorities allege that the defendants participated in a scheme that involved the creation, and subsequent use, of fraudulent credit cards. On June 16, 2008, detectives with the San Antonio Police Department executed an arrest warrant for Dyer at a local hotel. In addition to arresting Dyer, authorities discovered and seized a cache of paraphernalia used in the fraudulent production of credit cards (access devices) inside his hotel room. Items seized included more than 500 registration receipts allegedly stolen from a San Antonio hotel, Wal-Mart gift cards in various stages of alteration, label makers, laptop computers, dry transfer decals and ink stamps.

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This case is being investigated by the United States Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force and is being prosecuted for the government by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas McHugh. Members of Financial Crimes Task Force include the: United States Secret Service, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Postal Inspection Service, San Antonio Police Department's Forgery Unit, Bexar County Sheriff's Department and Bexar County District Attorney's Office. The Drug Enforcement Administration, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Task Force, Pleasanton Police Department as well as the San Antonio Police Department's R.O.P., T.R.U. and Gang units also provided valuable assistance in this investigation.

A indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. Defendants are presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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